

The amendment would also require that the families who receive these grants out of the \$4 million of grant money over 5 years provide a 5-percent match that they would have to come up with. I recognize for a lot of families even a 5-percent match is a lot of money. An extra \$50 or so, depending on the amount of money, would be significant. But I think it is important that families have that requirement.

There are some families who will not be able to meet that, so we allow charitable assistance or State and local initiatives to come up with the 5 percent.

But I wish to make one point among several. First of all, this is not a new program in the sense that it requires a big expenditure of money or requires administrative work that cannot already be done within the existing weatherization program. The grants in this amendment are intended to work as a complement to and work within the current weatherization program. The amendment will not increase administrative costs and it will not require new expenditures of dollars. It is within the \$750 million already allocated for weatherization.

I believe this amendment, and the features of this program called for by

this amendment, helps families. It helps our low-income families pay for Energy Star certified appliances for their homes. It helps the environment. It is good all around.

We already have a program that helps these same families properly insulate and weatherize their homes. What this does is take the next step. We should take that next step to help low-income families use less energy for the basic necessities of heating and cooling their homes as well as laundry and some other basic necessities.

I hope the managers on both sides of the aisle, I hope both parties, can agree to adopt this. It may not happen, but I am hopeful that will happen tomorrow.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 21; that on Thursday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the

day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 6, as under the previous order; that Members have until 11 a.m. to file any germane second-degree amendments to the Baucus amendment No. 1704.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:44 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate June 20, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DAVID JAMES GRIBBIN IV. OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.